

# SCARBOROUGH CATHOLIC PARISHES



CHURCHES OF ST PETER, ST JOSEPH, ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR



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Note: the Polish Mission does not form part of the Scarborough Parishes – it is a separate entity

Welcome Fáilte Merĥba Croeso Witajcie Swagatam Mabuhay  
Benvenuto Bienvenu Bienvenido Benvindo Benvinguts Willkommen

WEEK COMMENCING 22 MARCH 2020  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

LAETARE SUNDAY  
DIVINE OFFICE: Week 4

## FRA ANGELICO THE ANUNCIATION – FROM SIN TO SALVATION

The **Feast of the Annunciation** falls on **25 March**, exactly 9 months before Christmas Day, the Nativity of Our Lord. Although it is traditionally a feast connected to Christmas, the Annunciation also points directly to the Paschal Mystery. The image below depicts the moment that the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she shall be the Mother of God, and her “Fiat” “*May it be done to me according to your word*” (Luke 1:38). But this image does more than show a particular event in time: it explains the theological meaning of the event. It is one of several versions of *The Annunciation* painted by Dominican Friar, Fra Angelico (born Guido di Pietro 1395-1455). Completed in 1435, he painted it as an altarpiece for the Monastery of San Domenico in Fiesole near Florence, where he himself lived as a friar. It now hangs in the Museo Del Prado, the national Art Museum in Madrid. In 1982, Pope John Paul II Beatified (made *Blessed*) Fra Angelico in recognition of the holiness of his life.

The image is divided equally into **3 sections**, resembling a tryptic. In the **left** section, Adam & Eve are expelled from the Garden of Eden. This points to the **fall of mankind and the origin of sin and death**. **Central** to the image and its meaning, the Angel Gabriel delivers the message that Mary is to conceive of the Holy Spirit: the **Incarnation**. To the **right**, Mary wholeheartedly consents, and in doing so, serves the divine Will for the Salvation of mankind.

Above the central column, God the Father is depicted. Other versions depict **Isaiah**, who **prophesied** the birth of a child to a Virgin, who would be called **Immanuel**.

The Garden, laden with finely detailed trees and flowers, displays the perfect state lost to sin and death by Adam & Eve. 3 flowers lay at their feet - a symbol perhaps of their now fallen nature?

There are **2 dynamics** in this image. The **first** starts at the tip of the Angel Gabriel's wings, which point towards Mary in a rough arch, linking the perfection of Eden to Mary, and pointing to her **Immaculate Conception** – her own grace-filled state.

The **second** spans the entire image. A ray of light from the hands of God in top left corner sweeps diagonally through the angel's wings, indicating the divine source of the Annunciation, and towards Mary's womb. Within the ray is a small dove, symbolising the Holy Spirit, Who, at the consent of Mary, overshadowed her bringing about the Incarnation: God the Son made flesh. The link between the Incarnation and the fall of our first parents is unmistakable – this is the *new Creation* and God's *plan of Salvation*. Mary is of course the new Eve. Jesus, her Son, is the new Adam.



A **swallow** perches under in the arch of the right portico, looking, as Gabriel does, upon Mary. Traditionally, the swallow symbolises a messenger.

Mary, seated in the inner portico, seems separate from the world – set apart. She has a book on her lap – **Scripture**. She is open to the Word of God, Who is about to be made flesh within her womb. Her arms folded across her chest is a sign of her humility and submissiveness.

All 3 Persons of the Holy **Trinity** are present: the divine work of redemption is the work of all 3 Persons of the Holy Trinity acting in unity with one another.

Behind Mary is a simply furnished room with an open window. The various versions of this image depicted different times of day. This one is set at dawn, and the **light entering** the window may be seen to represent the coming of the light into the world.

The **blue** of Mary's outer cloak and the star-studded ceiling above, represent Mary's purity and heavenliness. Traditionally, blue was also the colour of an empress, and Mary is depicted seated on a throne-like seat. Mary, as we know, is Queen of Heaven. Her pink undergarment may signify traits associated with motherhood.

**ALL MASSES LIVE STREAM ONLY FROM ST PETER'S – NO PUBLIC PERMITTED TO BE PRESENT  
 MASSES INTENTIONS WILL STILL BE OFFERED AS NORMAL, AT ST PETER'S ONLY  
 CHURCHES WILL BE OPEN 12.30PM TO 4PM DAILY OR BY REASONABLE REQUEST FOR  
 INDIVIDUAL PRIVATE PRAYER (EXCEPT MONDAYS)  
 WE POLITELY ASK YOU TO KEEP A RESPECTABLE DISTANCE BETWEEN ONE ANOTHER**

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|----------------|----|---------|---|--------------------------|
| SATURDAY VIGIL | 21 |         | St Edward's                             | CANCELLED                |
| SUNDAY         | 22 | 11.30am | St Joseph's<br>St Peter's (LIVE STREAM) | CANCELLED                |
| Monday         | 23 | 9.30am  | St Peter's                              | St Turibius of Mogrovejo |
| Tuesday        | 24 | 5.30pm  | St Peter's                              |                          |
| Wednesday      | 25 | 10.30am | St Peter's                              | ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD |
| Thursday       | 26 | 9.30am  | St Peter's                              |                          |
| Friday         | 27 | 9.30am  | St Peter's                              |                          |
| Saturday       | 28 | 9.30am  | St Peter's                              |                          |

**SYRO-MALABAR MASS: cancelled until further notice**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**  
*at St Peter's only - Saturdays 10am - 11am*



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**  
*See top of following page*



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**OFFERTORY COLLECTION:** (3 churches) Envelopes £435; Loose plate £685, Av. Standing Orders £524; Polish: £30; Total £1,674. Thank you, parishioners, for your continued financial support.

**MASS ATTENDANCE:** St Peter's 160; St Joseph's 212; St Edward's (est) 75; Polish (est) 100; Total: 547

**MASSES RECEIVED FROM:** see printed copy

**† ANNIVERSARIES:** Terry St Quinton, Angelo Schembri, Mandy Ledden, Jim Muldoon, Louise Jose, Grace Canavan

**† RECENTLY DECEASED:** Jean Greenan, James Haylett, Nora Walsh

**† SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS:** Norah Parker (dec'd) (St Peter's)

**300 CLUB WINNERS:** No.150 £25; No.203 £10. **Congrats. 300 CLUB IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**ALL CHEQUES** payable to **St Peter's Church** (offerings, donations, Mass intentions, Restoration Fund etc)

**ALL PARISH GROUPS ARE ASKED TO SUSPEND THEIR MEETINGS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**THERE WILL BE LIVE STREAMING OF MASS DAILY FROM ST PETER'S CHURCH, PAS ABOVE.  
 IN ADDITION, MASS IS ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE AT THE FOLLOWING LINKS**

**Our Lady of Lourdes and St Peter Chanel, Hull:** live-streaming of Masses is via their Facebook page, from the University Chapel of St Willibrord. Masses will then be uploaded to their Youtube account.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/chanelparishhull>

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZnDapaiq78k1Bbk-iM6dda>

**Our Lady of York:** live streams of two Masses each morning from the shrine - recordings of these Masses will then be available for the rest of the day on their Youtube channel which is called 'York Oratory': [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEwsSz1\\_fhjFIJNOFEpRtfw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEwsSz1_fhjFIJNOFEpRtfw)

**Knock Shrine, Co Mayo:** Mass is live streamed daily at: <https://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live.html>

**Lourdes:** <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/> and [https://www.directfromlourdes.com/lourdes\\_live\\_tv](https://www.directfromlourdes.com/lourdes_live_tv)

**Walsingham Shrine:** <http://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream>

**Word on Fire:** will be offering daily Mass for the foreseeable future. Join Bishop Robert Barron or Word on Fire CEO Fr Steve Grunow at <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>

**EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network):** Sundays <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/shows/sunday-mass-live> and Daily <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D1khUWoMIFw>

**We are encouraged to read the Gospels, follow the Daily Prayer of the Church (online resources available, eg. Universalis, Magnificat) Rosary with your families, and join yourself to the Eucharis, the source and summit of our Catholic faith, by making an act of Spiritual communion (see following page). And please continue to pray for all those affected by the coronavirus, and for those caring for those affected. Hand in FOOD to RAINBOW CENTRE**

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**St Peter's Church** – 10am to 6pm on Wednesday 25 March (Feast of the Annunciation). Come and pray for the town, the Nation and the world during this Coronavirus pandemic. **ROSARY** at the Outside Grotto after Mass on this day, & Prayer of Personal Consecration to Our Lady of Walsingham.

**St Joseph's Church** – 10am to 12 noon on Friday 27 March

**1ST HOLY COMMUNION** is *SUSPENDED* for the time being.

**CONFIRMATION MEETING** for parents & catechists on **Sat 28 March** *POSTPONED*

**CROSSES AND IMAGES** will be veiled this **Saturday 28 March**. Crosses remain veiled until the end of the Good Friday Liturgy and Images until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

**CAFOD FAST LUNCH** on **Friday 27 March** is **cancelled** due to Coronavirus advice.

**COACH TRIP TO CHRISM MASS** on **Tuesday 7 April** at Middlesbrough Cathedral **CANCELLED**. It is not yet known what the Cathedral intends with this Mass.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** in May has been cancelled.

**HOLY WEEK MINISTERS' LISTS** PROVISIONAL NOTICE (St Peter's only).

Ministers let us know which Masses you will attend during Holy Week so we can draw up a Rota if necessary. For St Joseph's and St Edward's, speak to your Rota co-ordinator

**MASS INTENTIONS** A gentle reminder to give plenty of time when requesting particular dates, and please give an alternative. Only one intention can be said per Mass. When there is a clash, priority will be given to the earliest received. Masses now said at St Peter's only.

**ALL ECUMENICAL GROUPS & EVENTS** are *CANCELLED* until further notice.

**NEWSLETTER** – THIS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE OUTSIDE ALL CHURCHES IN A WATERPROOF BOX. PLEASE EMAIL US IF YOU WISH TO BE INCLUDED ON THE NEWSLETTER MAILING LIST.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** For those who wish, put your Sunday Collection in an envelope and through the letterbox at St Peter's or St Joseph's Presbyteries (not St Edward's), or consider signing up for **STANDING ORDER** giving – forms available by request.

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

There are times when people are unable to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, through illness or due to their personal disposition. The Public Mass ban in Italy has led the Church to new focus on 'spiritual Communion'. Even though some may not receive sacramental Communion, all are united in some way by the Holy Spirit. A deep spiritual communion is possible even when we do not share together the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. Pope Francis, after a livestreamed Angelus on 15 March, said, "United to Christ we are never alone, but instead form one body, of which he is the head. It is a union that is nourished with prayer and also with spiritual communion in the Eucharist, a practice that is recommended when it isn't possible to receive the sacrament."

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I passionately desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart and soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.*

## PRAYER FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY

*All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old. We pray for young mothers, who give life and tend to our every need; may they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy. We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; may they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways. We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict, and those who are bereaved; may they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away. We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion. We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen*



## OFFICIAL PRAYER FOR YEAR OF THE WORD

*Living God, you walk along-side us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hope and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.*

## PARISH LENT COURSE

**PLEASE NOTE – THIS HAS NOW BEEN CANCELLED, WITH APOLOGIES.**



## REDEDICATION OF ENGLAND AS THE DOWRY OF MARY

We continue our personal 33-day consecration, which will culminate on **25 March**, the *Feast of the Annunciation*. A 3-day triduum of the litany of Saints & Martyrs of England & the Rosary takes place from **26 to 28 March**, culminating on **29 March** with a **personal rededication** in Westminster, Walsingham, every Cathedral, and every participating parish, although this may not now be done publicly.

## 29 MARCH REDEDICATION

With great regret, public Rededication prayers are now cancelled. The programme is available on the parish website, so that you can access it and say the Rededication Prayers in your own homes.

## 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST JOSEPH'S

We need many more photos of people and events  at St Joseph's, for anniversary display is to be a success: 1st Holy Communion, weddings, baptisms, functions, anniversaries, former priests etc. Write a description on the back & your name, so they can be returned. Hopefully the **bishop** and former priests will come for a Mass of Thanksgiving depending on how Coronavirus progresses.

*Saint Corona is the patron saint against plague and epidemics.*

*In Anzù, Northern Italy, the hotbed of the coronavirus in Europe, is a basilica where the relics of Saint Victor and Saint Corona are being preserved since the 9th century.*

*Saint Corona was only fifteen when she professed her Christian Faith during the persecution of the Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius around 165.*

*Corona was arrested and tied by her feet to the tops of two palm trees which were bent to the ground. When the palms were let loose she was torn apart. According to the Roman Martyrology, this happened in Syria.*

*Saint Corona is especially venerated in Austria and Bavaria as the Patron Saint against epidemics.*

ST. CORONA. ORA PRO NOBIS



The Immaculate One

## PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS FOR MARCH:

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

## CORONAVIRUS PRAYER FOR PROTECTION

Bishop John Keenan of Paisley, Scotland, in collaboration with the Rosary Movement of Reparation (formerly Rosary on the Coast), invites us to join together in prayer for God's protection against the Covid-19 virus. Let us join together in calling upon the Lord:



*Most Holy Trinity and Jesus, the only begotten Son, you revealed yourself as the fount of life and unfathomable source of Divine Mercy who listens to your people. We the people of England Wales, Scotland, Ireland and Isles ask you to heed us amid this global pandemic of the Coronavirus that we struggle to bear. Father, we entrust ourselves into your Divine Mercy, through Our Lady, mother of Mercy, and her sorrowful and immaculate heart; through St Michael and the archangels; through St Joseph; and through all our Nations' Saints and Martyrs. Merciful Jesus, hold out your hidden hand to rescue and safeguard us from this disease, and turn our Nations and our people to you as our Saviour. We ask this for our sick, elderly and vulnerable, for our families with young children, for the destitute, and those suffering poor mental health. Our Nations have forgotten you and have sinned against you. We confess our sins with the prophet, Daniel. Lord we have sinned against you and have acted wickedly; betrayed your commandments and turned away from them. Integrity is yours. Ours, the look of shame because of the sins we carry. Listen to us. Open your eyes and see our plight. We do not rely on our own words, but upon your mercy, as we commend our humble plea to you. Lord, listen, forgive and act. For your own sake do not delay, because we, your people, bear your name. God, our Father, all forgiving and gentle, we implore your mercy, intervention and healing. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the most powerful Precious Blood. Amen.*

**LAETARE SUNDAY** falls on the **4th Sunday of Lent**. The Latin name *Laetare* means **Rejoice**. Laetare Sunday is taken from the words of the introit (entrance antiphon), **laetare Jerusalem (rejoice with Jerusalem)** from Isaiah 66:10-11.

There is a more joyful tone at this halfway point in the Lenten season. Like Gaudete Sunday midway through Advent, Laetare Sunday reminds us of the event we look forward to at the end of the Penitential Season, and the joy in anticipation of the Resurrection, as well as providing a brief relaxation from the austerity of Lent.

As with Gaudete Sunday, the liturgical traditions reflect this joy. Vestments worn are often **rose-coloured** (pink). According to Liturgical rules, the **organ** may be played - on other Sundays of Lent it may only be played to support the singing, and **flowers** are permitted on the altar. At this point we are halfway through the penitential season and half-way to Easter. Traditionally, the **Apostles Creed** is 'handed over' to the catechumens, the last step for those preparing for Baptism in the Church at the Great Easter Vigil.

**Other names:** Laetare Sunday is also called **Rose Sunday**, because of the papal blessing of the Golden Rose: a floral spray blessed by the pope and given to a notable person or institution (*see below*), and perhaps also because of the use of rose-coloured vestments instead of violet ones. Another name is **Refection Sunday**, or **Refreshment Sunday** or **Sunday of the Five Loaves**, so named because, before the adoption of the modern, *common lectionaries*, this narrative of the miracle of the loaves and fishes was the traditional Gospel reading for this Sunday. This Sunday is also called **Mothering Sunday**, because a person would visit his mother church.



SUNDAY SMILE

**NEWSLETTER:** Submit notices by **end of Thursday** for inclusion the following weekend (subject to the approval of the Parish Priest). Please keep notices short (we reserve the right to edit). Email us if you wish to be on the newsletter mailing list.

**CHURCH NOTICE BOARDS** Please **seek permission** from the Parish Priest before displaying your notice, and please be considerate to existing notices.

**MASS INTENTIONS/SANCTUARY CANDLE DEDICATIONS** Reminder: only names of deceased can be printed in full unless **written permission** is sought from the person for whom the Mass is to be said. When requesting dates give **an alternative date**, and please ensure it is clear whether the person is **deceased or living**.